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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. German Patent Publication No. DE 42 00 596 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.
2. German Patent Publication No. DE 690 25 588 T3
3. German Patent Publication No. DE 692 06 967 T2

4. German Patent Publication No. DE 202 09 723 U1

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English language documents 2-4 above, an English-language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is enclosed.

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